

AN OBSTREPEROUS CAPTAIN

Captain Nelson, of the Schooner Nellie Floyd, Again Defies United States Authority—He Kicked an Officer and Shut Him Up Yesterday on Board—Wild With Drink.

Captain H. Nelson, the Danish master of the American schooner Nellie Floyd, created quite a racket yesterday morning at the custom house wharf where the vessel is moored. On Friday night the vessel was libeled by the Coal, Cement and Supply Company, for damage alleged to have occurred to part of a cargo of cement which the ship recently brought into port for them. Captain Nelson refused to allow Deputy United States Marshal C. O. Knox to serve the papers and put a watchman on board, until a force was sent over from the revenue cutter Algonquin.

The ship was moved on Tuesday to the custom house wharf where it would be more convenient to properly guard the ship under libel. Mr. Jack Orr has been doing duty on board as watchman for the deputy marshal and since the first trouble the captain has been drinking heavily. Yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock Captain Nelson came out of his cabin and excitedly demanded of the watchman the papers giving him authority to hold his vessel. After some hot words, he was finally shown the papers and he took possession of them and pushed the watchman off the deck onto the wharf. He then jumped to the wharf and seized the watchman and dragged him a half block to the foot of Princess street, using him very roughly. He then dragged him back to the ship, made him go aboard and shut him up in the forecabin where he searched him and kicked him vigorously. The captain is a man of herculean strength and the watchman was physically unable to resist him. He acted like a crazy man, and when Deputy Marshal Knox arrived on the scene he telephoned to police headquarters for assistance. Policeman Leon George responded and after considerable trouble they arrested Captain Nelson and he was taken to the station house in the patrol wagon. He seemed to be suffering with delirium tremens and tore every stitch of his clothing off. He was so violent that nothing could be done with him and he was handcuffed and was kept in irons all day. He was quieted down considerably last night.

The hearing in the libel case was to have been held yesterday before United States Commissioner S. P. Collier but owing to the captain's condition it did not take place. The hearing will probably be had today.

Colonel Thomas Evans, attorney for the ship owners, has been authorized by a bonding company to make a bond of \$2,250, so the vessel can clear port.

Mr. Chas. M. McArthur Married.

Mr. Charles M. McArthur, a highly esteemed young gentleman of Wilmington, was married at Kenansville yesterday to Miss Lucy Moore, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Moore. He arrived in the city last evening with his bride and they are at home at the residence of his brother, Captain Harry O. McArthur, 316 Walnut street.

Mr. McArthur is a popular traveling salesman for the wholesale dry-goods house of Messrs. I. M. Bear & Co., of this city. His bride is a lovely young lady and is a sister of Mrs. Harry McArthur.

Elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The Messenger's Goldsboro correspondent writes as follows under date of yesterday:

"Mr. Robt. H. Edwards, a Wayne county boy, formerly with Smith & Yelverton, the hardware firm of the city, has connected himself with the Pannill Paint and Paint Solder Manufacturing Company of Wilmington.

"Mr. Edwards, at a recent meeting of the company in Wilmington, was elected secretary and treasurer, and will fill the position at once, and efficiently, too, and his many friends in this city and county wish him unlimited success in his new enterprise.

"The company is now operating a force of workmen in this city, and they come here equipped with the highest endorsements of the most reliable nature; such as the Standard Oil Company, the Atlantic Coast Line and several others for whom the company has done roof painting in Wilmington and elsewhere throughout the state."

AWFUL EXPERIENCE

Captain Snell, of the Tug Alexander Jones, Saw the Schooner G. C. Cranmer Founder With All Her Crew—He Had to Cut Loose and Was Powerless to Save the Crew.

Captain W. A. Snell, of the tug Alexander Jones which returned to Southport Tuesday from Norfolk, says the foundering of the schooner G. C. Cranmer, was the awfullest experience he has had on the sea in his many years of nautical life.

The tug left Ocracoke last Friday afternoon to tow the schooner to Norfolk, and in the schooner were Captain Dudley Bragg, his son, James Bragg, of Ocracoke, and Captain White, of Norfolk. He says the weather was favorable when he went to sea but at 5 p. m. a stiff breeze began to blow as the tug approached Hatteras, causing the sea to run pretty high but not to such an extent as to cause apprehension.

Friday night at 10 o'clock the tug passed Hatteras light and she was running safely before the wind and sea. At 10:30 p. m. the men on the schooner shouted to Captain Snell to slow down so they could pump out the vessel. This was done, and in fifteen minutes he heard them shouting in alarm and when he looked back the schooner had filled with water and rolled over on her beam ends. It appeared that the schooner had suddenly burst open and was going down in a few minutes. It was very dark and the men on board were appealing distressfully for help. Captain Snell had the hauser cut immediately, to keep the tug from going down with the sinking ship, and then turned back to the wreck to rescue the three men if possible. The sea was so rough, however, that the schooner had gone to pieces and the cabin, quarter deck and other parts drifted past the tug. He got close enough to see two of the men clinging to the mainmast and heard them begging and praying to be taken off. The seas were so high it was impossible to get alongside the schooner and as the wreck drifted away and kept going to the bottom, he could hear the cries of the men till the schooner sank out of sight.

The men were all friends of Captain Snell and he says it was awful to think he was powerless to save them. When near the wreck he launched a life boat and with a line attached to her he let it drift up to the wreck with the hope that the men could get into it. The wreckage and seas, however, smashed the life boat to pieces, as if defying his efforts. He laid around the scene three hours but could see nor hear nothing of the men. A storm was coming on and the tug ran before it into Norfolk to wait a favorable opportunity to return to Wilmington.

INSURANCE RATES

The Southeastern Tariff Association Through the Good Offices of the Carolina Insurance Company, Has Relieved the Merchants of Wilmington of Ten Cents Charge.

At the 1901 annual meeting of the Southeastern Tariff Association, it was ordered that after May 1, 1901 ten cents should be added to the rates on all stocks of merchandise. When the recent increase of 25 per cent was ordered, the local board of underwriters of Wilmington requested the association for authority to deduct the recently added 10 cents before increasing the rate of 25 per cent. This request was refused by the Southeastern Tariff Association.

The Carolina Insurance Company of this city, through its secretary, Mr. M. S. Willard, then took up the matter and addressed a letter to the Southeastern Tariff Association urging reasons why the 10 cents charges should not be added to the recent 25 per cent increase. As a result of this correspondence, Mr. Charles C. Flemming, secretary of the Southeastern Tariff Association, notified Mr. Willard that agents here are authorized hereafter to omit the ten cents charge wherever it has been included in the printed rate.

After this date the merchants of Wilmington will, therefore, be relieved of this charge of ten cents on stock of goods.

DISASTROUS FROST

It Was Heavy in Wilmington Yesterday and Did Some Damage. Fruit Injured Throughout the South—Frost Predicted Again for This Morning.

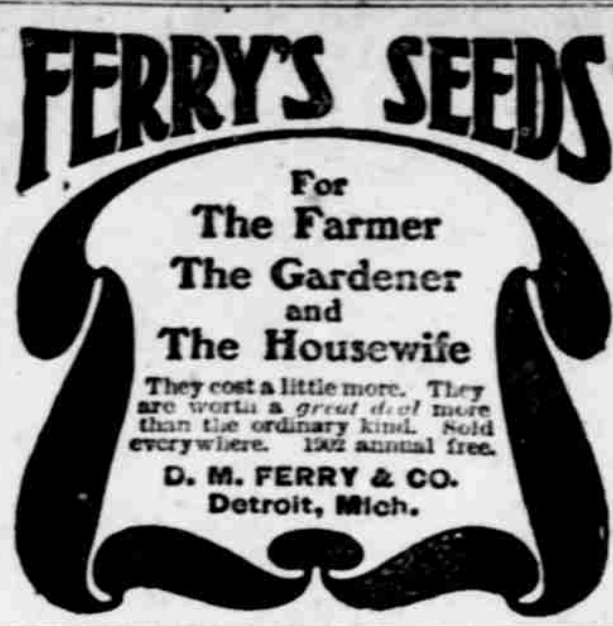
There was a heavy frost in Wilmington yesterday morning and there was ice in exposed places. Considerable damage was done to the truck planters. Beans and cantelopes and other truck was injured.

"Probably light frost, increasing cloudiness and light winds," is the weather bureau forecast for today.

Frost and cold weather seem to be wide spread and was disastrous to the fruit interests. The following Associated Press dispatch was received by The Messenger last night:

Atlanta, Ga., April 2.—Frosts were general last night in Tennessee, portions of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The frost was heavy at Nashville, Charlotte and Wilmington, and severe at Knoxville. Reports from Macon, Savannah, Augusta, Charleston, Memphis and Meridian are to the effect that the frost was light. The damage to the fruit crop in Georgia, it may be slight, a strong wind prevailing throughout the night.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 2.—Heavy frost occurred last night in this vicinity, doing some damage to fruit. Up to last night the damage by previous frosts had been from 25 to 50 per cent in southern Tennessee and it is feared the heavy frost last night will cause an average of 50 per cent loss to fruit growing sections.



IMPORTANT DECISION

The Supreme Court Decides That the State Law Prohibiting Corporations From Carrying Cases Into the United States Court is Constitutional

The supreme court on Tuesday, in Thompson vs. Railroad, from Pender county, affirmed the decision of the lower court.

This is an action brought by Mrs. Della Thompson, administratrix vs. the Southern Railroad, in which she seeks to recover \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the killing of her husband, Major D. Thompson, near Columbia, South Carolina, in November, 1900. At the September term, 1901, of the superior court of Pender county, a motion was made by defendant to have this cause removed to the federal courts on the ground of diverse citizenship. The motion was agreed before Judge Allen by R. G. Grady, Esq., for the plaintiff, and F. H. Busbee, Esq., and Col. L. F. Dorch, for the defendant.

Judge Allen held that the Graig Law requiring foreign corporations to become domesticated, is constitutional, and defendant having complied with the law is a citizen of North Carolina, and not entitled to have the cause removed.

The defendant appealed to the supreme court and it was there argued a month ago by R. G. Grady, Esq., for plaintiff, and F. H. Busbee, Esq., and A. B. Andrews, Jr., for defendant. The supreme court affirms the decision of the lower court and refuses to permit the defendant to remove the cause to the federal court.

Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy of this city appear with Mr. Grady as counsel for plaintiff. The case will be tried at the next term of the superior court of Pender county, which will convene September next.

A FINE STREET

The Macadam Work on Orange Street Completed Yesterday—It is Now One of the Prettiest Thoroughfares in the City—Work on Fifth and Castle Streets.

Superintendent of Streets J. M. Woolard on yesterday completed the improvement of Orange street and it is now one of the handsomest thoroughfares in the city. It has been macadamized on both sides from the intersection of Sixth street to Front street, the gutters have been laid with rock, stone curbing put along the pavements, and the sidewalks next to the curbing improved. The trees along the street have also been trimmed and the street is now quite attractive.

Two years ago one side of Orange street from Sixth to Ninth street was macadamized, so that there is a fine drive way now from Front to Ninth streets.

Superintendent Woolard is now finishing the block on Fifth street from Church to Castle. When it is done, two block on Castle from Fifth to Seventh streets will be macadamized.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Hamme returned yesterday from Washington, D. C.

Miss Mary Higgins is visiting friends at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. W. A. Rlach has returned from a visit to Richmond.

Mr. John Ray, of Raleigh, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

Mrs. J. J. Clemmons, of Florence, S. C., is here on a visit to relatives.

Mr. J. M. Bordeaux now has a position with the Independent Ice Company.

Professor S. T. Ford, the Southern story teller, arrived in the city yesterday from the south, where he has been giving recitations.

Miss Mary Post, who came home to spend Easter with her parent, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Post, returned yesterday to the Women's college at Richmond, Va.

Mr. H. I. Bowen, of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Bowen and Mr. N. H. Carter, of Wallace, have just returned from an extended business trip north. Among the points visited by them were the principal cities of the north and Canada, including New York, Boston, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Buffalo, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. They report a very pleasant and successful trip.

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By invitation of our commercial bodies, the Hon. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, will address the people of Wilmington tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. He comes to speak about the industrial development and possibilities of this section of the state and along that line will talk specially to young men, upon whom the future depends. His subject will be "The Needs and Requirements of Our Young Men, who are the Hope of the Community."

Mr. Tompkins is one of the most successful and progressive of southern men and has done an immense work in the development of the industrial resources of North and South Carolina. He has made his own success and is therefore qualified to speak to young men about what opportunities are open to them. Young men are specially invited to hear him tonight, and the ladies and citizens generally are also expected to be present.

Mr. Tompkins will arrive here this afternoon by the Seaboard Air Line. He will be the guest of Mr. D. L. Gare at Sixth and Dock streets.

Open Trunk Found in an Alley.

A lady's trunk was stolen from the baggage transportation of the Cowan Livery Company Tuesday night, was found broken open yesterday morning in a court running from the alley which extends from Front to Second streets, between Chestnut and Grace streets.

The court is just in rear of the residence of Captain DeLeon Fillgaw, 116 Grace street.

The police department was notified and the matter was investigated. The trunk and most, if not all its contents were recovered and are at the city hall. It is full of clothing and contains a lot of millinery, including two or three hats.

Jim Davis, a negro, who had been trying to sell articles from the trunk around town was arrested and is held at the city hall.

There have been 117 cases of cholera in Manila and 71 deaths. The priests are telling the people that there is no cholera and the sanitary regulations are just to annoy them.

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